BY-LAWS.

A deputation, headed by Mr. A. B. Powell, appeared in support of a petition, asking that a by-law be passed prohibiting the displaying goods on the sidewalk. Mr. Powell explained that the grievance had become real, and the merchants on Dundas and Richmond streets were almost unanimous in the request, and favored the repeal of the old by-law and the passage of one doing away with the evil complained of.

Mr. James Cowan and W. Y. Brunton spoke in the same strain.

Ald. Murray supported the petition.

The rule of order governing new business was suspended, and a by-law in accordance with the petition was read.

The by-law was finally read three times and passed.

The following by-laws were also read:—To authorize the borrowing of $25,000 from the Canadian Bank of Commerce; to repeal by-law No. 22 respecting the payment of taxes: to provide for levying the dog tax and the tax in lieu of statute labor for the year 1882; to provide for the levying of a special rate to pay for street watering for the year 1882; for levying taxes in the city of London for the year 1882.

On motion of Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Sharman, the water tax by-law was referred to No. 3 Committee.

The remainder of the by-laws was read three times and passed.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Boyd (Chairman) reported as follows from this Committee:—(1) That the following accounts be paid:—Commissioners' pay roll, $1,083.90; Victoria Park laborers, $69.22½; Wm. Anthistle, gravel, $281.16; John Bryan, inspector, $58; Chas. Ware, paving, $40; Wm. Cathro, asphalt sidewalks, $300; Ferguson Bros., lumber, $128 05; Winnett & Coppinger, repairing, $5 50; Water Commissioners, laying pipes at Victoria Park, $71.25. Total, $2,037 08½. (2) That the prayer of the petition of A. M. Gunn *et al.* be granted, on condition that the petitioners pay two-thirds of the extra cost estimated by the Engineer, which is not to exceed $225. (3) That His Worship the Mayor and the Chairman (Ald. Boyd) be a deputation to visit Kingston to secure the Provincial Exhibition for 1883; (4) that the tender of John W. Cryer, for laying pipes to the camp grounds, for the sum of $75 be accepted, and that the tender of James Thornton for the necessary carpentering work ($115) be also accepted; (5) that the City Engineer be empowered to employ a boy to take charge of his office for a couple of months.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

Clause one passed without discussion.

Second clause adopted.

On the third clause being read Ald. Beattie moved that the clause be struck out, seconded by Ald. Minhinnick. Carried.

The fourth clause passed.

The last clause was struck out, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

NUMBER THREE.

Ald. Hunt (Chairman) reported from this Committee as follows:—(1) that the petition of George Holman to remove rough-cast cottage on his lot be granted; (2) that the account of the Water Commissioners, amounting to $10, for introducing water into city weigh scales office, be paid; (3) that the following Fire Department accounts be paid:—Pay sheet for August, $302.51; ladder, $26 30; B. A. Mitchell, blue vitriol, $8; S. H. Craig, telegraph poles, $45 25; O. Richardson, pay as sub., $9 80. Total, $391 86; (4) that Adelaide street, from Dundas to Piccadilly streets, and Queen's avenue from Colborne to Adelaide streets, be watered during the continuation of the camp on Carling's Farm; (5) that the chairman call for tenders for coal and wood from 1st of October, 1882, to 1st May, 1883; also tenders for fodder for fire department; (6) that the account of the London Gas Light Company amounting to $600 for extension of mains, lamps, etc., be paid; (7) that Chief Roe be allowed three days' leave to attend the firemen's Convention in Cincinnati; (8) that Hospital accounts, amounting to $548 89, be paid; (9) that the following tenders be accepted for supplies: Undertaking, Mr. Hinton, adults, $5.50; children, $3.50; (10) fish, John Price, salmon trout, white fish, fresh cod and haddock, 7 cents per pound; large pickerel 6c., small do., 5c. per pound, and herring 20c. per dozen; (12) meat, James Perkins, beef, hind-quarters 8c, fore-quarters 6c, and sides 7c per pound; mutton, hind-quarters 8c., fore quarters 6c, sides 7c per pound; (13) milk, S. Cooper, 4½c from the 1st Sept., 1882, to 1st May, 1883, and 3½c from May to 31st Aug., 1883; (14) owing to the papers being carried off by one of the members of the committee they are unable to report as to the tender for groceries; (15) drugs, W. T. Strong; (16) that the house surgeon be granted leave of absence for eight or ten days; (17) that relief accounts amounting to $36.61; (18) that Henry Colerick's account for lettering Relief Inspector's window, $1.25, be paid; (19) that Thos. Deacon be paid $75 in full of his account, instead of $103, for boarding paupers, etc.; (20) that the Women's Christian Association account for boarding two indigent children, $10, and Mrs. Austin's account for the keeping of an infant be paid; (21) that the petition of Mrs. Finch, asking for a reduction in the rent of stall No. 17 in the Market Bazaar, occupied by her, be granted, and that her rent be reduced to $3.50 per month; (22) that the petition of G. M. Gunn and others for the removal of the cab stand be referred to the Council.

The report was taken up clause by clause, and the first five clauses were passed without discussion.

On the 6th clause being read, Ald. Becher objected because there were lamps erected for which proper orders had not been given. Two cases were cited in which the lamps erected cost very high figures. If the Aldermen had known what they would cost the lamps would never have been erected.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Buckle, that the account be paid as soon as the Chairman of No. 3 Committee is satisfied that the charges made are correct.—Carried.

The clauses up to 14th were passed without discussion.

The grocery tender was referred back.

The yeas and nays were called for, as follows:—

Yeas—Hunt, Murray, Beattie, Taylor, Ferguson, Higgins, Crawford, Boyd, Buckle, Sharman, Macbeth.

Nays — Pritchard, O'Meara, Skinner, Browne.

The remainder of the report up to the last clause was adopted without discussion.

On the last clause being read, the petitions for and against the removal of the cabs were also read.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the matter be referred to No. 2 Committee.—Carried.

A WOOD MARKET.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that No. 3 Committee locate a place for selling wood in a central locality and report to the Council. Lost.

NUMBER ONE.

Ald. Macbeth, in the absence of the Chairman, presented the following report from No. 1 Committee:—(1) That the following accounts be paid:—Fire Department, $391.86; Hospital, $543.16; relief, $261.50—total, $1,719 28; (2) that J. M. Dufton's petition for remission of taxes, in accordance with clause 355 of the city by-laws, be granted; (3) that clause 355 of the city by-laws be repealed; (4) that Mr. Charlton's petition, to have taxes refunded, be filed; (5) your Committee beg to present the Police Court Clerk's report for August; (6) that the sum of $11,253.24, as claimed by the School Board, be placed to their credit in the book of the city.

Ald. Macbeth moved the adoption of the report.

Ald. Pritchard moved that the taxes of Mr. Charlton be refunded. Lost.

Yeas—Pritchard, Higgins, Browne, Sharman.

Nays—Murray, Beattie, O'Meara, Ferguson, Buckle, Macbeth, Becher.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

Ald. Taylor—That a place for the sale of wood be located south of Dundas street, and a clerk appointed by the Council.

Ald. Macbeth—That clause 355 of the city by-laws be repealed at the next meeting of the Council.

While Ald. Browne was reading the following notice the Council adjourned for want of a quorum:—That owing to the illegal act of this Council at a meeting some few weeks ago, whereby the by-law governing this Council was set aside, thereby depriving (by said resolution passed at said meeting) the members of any Committee of the privilege of disposing of matters that may come before them, as was plainly shown on the evening of Thursday last at No. 2 Committee, whereby the permitted interference by resolution of the Council of His Worship the Mayor, a majority of said Committee was made a minority:—Resolved, That the subject be referred to the proper authority, namely, to the County Judge as provided by statute, for his official opinion, and that all proceedings of the Council and the action of the Committees and the by-law for the government of the Council be placed in his possession, so that the present and future Councils may transact the business in a legal manner.